The approach is community-owned, and village education plans prepared in consultation with Panchayati Raj Institutions form the basis of district elementary education plans.

(f) Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan is being implemented through State Governments and expenditure on it is being shared between the Centre and States on 75:25 basis during the Tenth Plan.

Fake educational institutions in Delhi

†423. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that some fake educational institutions are running in Delhi;

(b) if so, the total number thereof; and

(c) the action Government are going to take against these fake educational institutions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) to (c) According to the information furnished by the University Grants Commission (UGC), four fake educational institutions are running in Delhi. The UGC is periodically giving advertisements in the national newspapers warning the students not to pursue courses with fake institutions. Further, to curb the menace of such institutions, the UGC has proposed specific changes in the exising penal provisions of the UGC Act, so as to make them more stringent.

National Open Schools

424. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of National Open School opened in the country during the Ninth Five Year Plan;

(b) the details thereof State-wise/School-wise; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) the number of natioal Open Schools proposed to be opened in the different parts of the country during the years 2002-2003 and 2003-04 indicating the amount allocated for the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) and (b) The National Open School was set up by Government of India in 1989 as an autonomous organisation which has now been rechristened as National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS). It imparts education to the students enrolled with it through a network of Accredited Institutions (Study Centres) all over the Country. The number of such Institutions opened during the Ninth Five Year Plan is 1517. A list showing the State-wise number of these Institutions is enclosed as Statement (*See* below).

(c) During 2002-03 and 2003-04 (till date) 968 and 384 Accredited Institutions have been opened respectively. No amount towards opening of Accredited Institutions is allocated.

Statement

State-wise number of Accredited Institutions under National Open Schools

State/UT	No. of AIs* (including Regional Language AIs)	No of SAIEDs**	No. of AVIs***
1	2	3	4
Andhra Pradesh	100	3	16
Arunachal Pradesh	5	0	0
Assam	4	0	7
Bihar & Jharkhand	51	6	25
Goa	2	1	4
Gujarat	8	0	3
Haryana	162	1	23

1	2	3	4
Himachal Pradesh	10	0	27
Jammu & Kashmir	15	0	7
Karnataka	8	2	15
Kerala	18	4	59
Madhya Pradesh & Chhattisgarh	30	2	52
Maharashtra	57	2	20
Manipur	24	0	1
Meghalaya	0	0	0
Mizoram	5	4	0
Nagaland	4	0	1
Orissa	9	3	13
Punjab	26	0	3
Rajasthan	28	0	15
Sikkim	1	0	0
Tamil Nadu	10	3	27
Tripura	6	0	0
Uttar Pradesh	221	6	59
Uttaranchal	0	0	0
West Bengal	31	6	17
Andman & Nicobar	1	0	1
Chandigarh	3	0	3
Dadar & Nagar Haveli	0	0	0
Daman & Diu	1	0	0
Delhi	165	12	119
Lakshadweep	0	0	0

1	2	3	4
Pondicherry	0	0	2
APO****	2	0	0
TOTAL :	943	45	519

* AI: Accredited Institution.

** AVI: Accredited Vocational Institution.

*** SAIED: Special Accredited Institutions for Education of the Disadvantaged

**** APO: Army Post Office

Establishment of Central or Open University

425. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to establish any new Central University or Open University in the country during the Tenth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the details thereof location-wise; and

(c) the necessary steps taken by Government in this respect?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) to (c) The Government has decided, in principle, to incorporate the existing University of Allahabad as a Central University.

As regards Open Universities, the Distance Education Council (DEC), a statutory body set up under the Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) Act, has been projecting the desirability of establishing at least one Open University in each State. The Tenth Plan proposals (2002-2007) envisage establishing eight new State Open Universities. While the Tamil Nadu State Open University has already been set up in Chennai during the year 2002, the proposals of the State Governments for establishment of two new Open Universities in Chhattisgarh and Uttaranchal have been vetted by the DEC.